

**Amendments to the Claims:**

10. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a tampon comprising a tampon body and a withdrawal tape, said method comprising the steps of: positioning the withdrawal tape around a fibrous fabric tampon web band such that the withdrawal tape extends transversely to and laterally beyond the fibrous fabric tampon web band; rolling and pressing the fibrous fabric tampon web band to form the tampon body with the withdrawal tape fastened therein; and knotting the withdrawal tape outside the tampon body to form a releasable loop.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a tampon comprising the steps of: positioning the withdrawal tape around a fibrous fabric tampon web band such that the withdrawal tape extends transversely to the ~~fibrous fabric tampon web band~~ and a portion of the withdrawal tape extends laterally beyond the fibrous fabric tampon web band; and folding the portion of the withdrawal tape that extends beyond the fibrous fabric tampon web band partly onto the fabric tampon band; rolling and pressing the ~~fibrous fabric tampon web band~~ to form a tampon body with the withdrawal tape fastened therein and to retain the folded portion of the withdrawal tape in the tampon.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the withdrawal tape is folded onto the fibrous fabric tampon web band in a direction selected from the group consisting of parallel to, obliquely in relation to, or perpendicularly to the transverse direction of the fibrous fabric tampon web band.